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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT - KITAKYUSHU CITY/URBAN MONORAIL SYSTEM

1. TO EASE INCREASING URBAN TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, THE CITY OF KITAKYUSHU (POPULATION 1,100,000, SEVENTH LARGEST CITY IN JAPAN, LOCATED IN FUKUOKA PREFECTURE, KYUSHU ISLAND, WESTERN JAPAN) PLANS TO CONSTRUCT AN URBAN MONORAIL SYSTEM FOR PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION. THE CITY WILL COMPLETE ITS PLANNING IN JAPAN FISCAL YEAR 1975 AND HOPES TO HAVE THE SYSTEM IN OPERATION IN JAPAN FISCAL YEAR 1979. CURRENT PLANS CALL FOR A BESTRADDLING TYPE, COMPUTER-OPERATED SYSTEM COVERING A DISTANCE OF 8.7 KILOMETERS WITH

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TRAINS OPERATING AT A SPEED OF 30 KILOMETERS PER HOUR.

THE CITY IS SEEKING A SYSTEM WHICH WILL PRODUCE A MINIMUM OF NOISE AND WILL INCLUDE AIR-CONDITIONED CARS. ESTIMATED COST OF THE SYSTEM IS 50 BILLION YEN (CURRENTLY ABOUT DOLLARS 1.67 BILLION), DIVIDED ABOUT EQUALLY BETWEEN PURCHASE OF LAND AND COST OF CONSTRUCTION.

2. ALTHOUGH NO CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED YET, IT APPEARS CERTAIN THAT A MAJOR JAPANESE FIRM WILL BE AWARDED PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THIS SYSTEM. CONSULATE HAS INDICATIONS, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE SALES POSSIBILITIES HERE FOR U. S. FIRMS WHICH MANUFACTURE MONORAIL-RELATED EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES, SAFETY DEVICES, AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS

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FOR TRAIN OPERATION. U. S. FIRMS INTERESTED IN THIS

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